

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING
(For Individuals in Positions that are NOT covered, and
ALL Current and Former Employees with past FF/LEO Service)

I understand that **IF** I am in a position description that is **NOT** covered by special retirement and I feel it should be under 5 U.S.C. § 8336(c) or 5 U.S.C. § 8412(d) (commonly referred to in the Department of the Interior (DOI) as a 6c position), I can file a claim for my current position/past service with DOI.

I also understand that time limits apply to a claim for current position coverage AND claims for past service. Procedures for filing claims may be obtained from the Human Resource Office or the Firefighter and Law Enforcement Retirement Team.

CSRS INDIVIDUALS

For individuals in the Civil Service Retirement System (5 U.S.C. § 8336(c)), coverage in a position or credit for past service will not be granted for a period greater than **1 year prior** to the date the individual claim is received by the Firefighter and Law Enforcement Officer Retirement Team.

If service is prior to the 1 year limitation, the agency head may extend this time limit for filing when, in the judgment of such agency head, or OPM, documentation is provided that the employee was prevented by circumstances beyond his/her control from making the request within the time limit. If the employee meets this criteria, he/she must submit a letter to the Firefighter and Law Enforcement Officer Retirement Team **WITHIN 35 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS STATEMENT**, stating his/her intent to file a claim and include in the letter an explanation of why he/she did not meet the time limit.

FERS INDIVIDUALS

Individuals in the Federal Employee Retirement System (5 U.S.C. § 8412(d)), who are in a position that is not subject to the ½% higher withholding, but feel the position should be, must formally initiate a position coverage claim in writing and seek a determination from the agency head **WITHIN 6 MONTHS** of entering the position.

For service in prior positions, the agency head may extend this time limit when the individual provides sufficient evidence that he/she was unaware of his/her status or was prevented by cause beyond his/her control from requesting a determination of position coverage. If the individual meets this criteria, he/she must submit a letter to the Firefighter and Law Enforcement Officer Retirement Team **WITHIN 35 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS STATEMENT**, stating his/her intent to file a claim for prior position coverage and include in this letter an explanation of why he/she did not meet the time limit.

Individual's Name (as shown on the SF-50 (Typed or printed))

Individual's Signature

Date

This original statement must be filed in the employee's OPF, and a copy given to the employee.